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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO LONDON, DECEMBER 10-12

1. FOREIGN SECRETARY CROSLAND RECOMMENDS THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER ATTEND THE CHELSEA/WOLVERHAMPTON MATCH ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, INSTEAD OF THE SPURS/MANCHESTER CITY MATCH SUGGESTED BY THE FCO. HE SAYS IT WILL BE A BETTER GAME -- A VIEW SHARED BY EMBASSY SOCCER FANS. IF THE SECRETARY AGREES, CROSLAND WOULD LIKE TO ACCOMPANY THE SECRETARY TO THE CHELSEA MATCH. DRIVING TIME FROM CLARIDGE'S TO THE CHELSEA STADIUM IS NORMALLY 25 MINUTES, IN PRE-GAME TRAFFIC 40 MINUTES. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THE SECRETARY AGREES TO THE CHELSEA MATCH, AND IF SO, WHETHER MRS. KISSINGER WILL ACCOMPANY HIM (IN WHICH CASE MRS. CROSLAND MIGHT ALSO ATTEND). THERE ARE IN ANY CASE UP TO EIGHT TICKETS AVAILABLE ALTOGETHER FOR THE SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY.

2. THE CROSLANDS ALSO EXTEND A CORDIAL INVITATION TO DR. AND MRS. KISSINGER TO STAY OVERNIGHT WITH THEM ON DECEMBER 11 AT THEIR HOME IN ADDERBURY, OXFORDSHIRE. THE INVITATION IS STRICTLY PERSONAL AND CROSLAND WANTS THE SECRETARY TO FEEL UNDER ABSOLUTELY NO PRESSURE TO ACCEPT. HE IS AWARE THAT THE SECRETARY HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN GOING TO THE THEATER THAT EVENING OR MIGHT GO TO DITCHLEY, AND HIS INVITATION IS EXTENDED WITH THE IDEA OF OFFERING THE KISSINGERS THE ALTERNATIVE

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OPTION OF "A QUIET EVENING AT HOME IN A BEAUTIFUL

ENGLISH VILLAGE." ADDERBURY IS ABOUT A ONE AND THREE-
QUARTERS HOUR DRIVE FROM CLARIDGE'S. IT IS ABOUT 15
MILES AND 20 MINUTES BY CAR FROM UPPER HEYFORD USAF BASE,
IN CASE THE SECRETARY WISHED TO DEPART FROM THERE ON
SUNDAY MORNING. PLEASE ADVISE. ARMSTRONG

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